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SUBJECT: Name checks of WSCAMEO possibilities.

TO : Chief, VLKiva
Washington, D.C.

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Attached for your information is a copy of SLZ/3393. Please note that paragraphs 2, 3, and 4 refer to the father of the Philip Schoeller previously mentioned in our correspondence.

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Chief of Station, Vienna
 Attention: ()
 Chief, Salzburg Base

27 September 1950

Name Checks

Fritz-Mayr MELNHOF; Philip SCHOELLER; Wolfgang PFAUNDLER

As per your request, forwarded herewith are excerpts of the information on subjects from D/G-2 Records:

1. D/I memo to D/DI, dated 21 December 1949, Subject: Hungarian Refugee Activity. "The Hungarian aristocracy now in exile are planning to create an organization for the purpose of propagandizing the restoration of the former Austro-Hungarian Empire. Conferences on this subject were held with many Austrian personalities among them: Baron MAX MELNHOF, Groedig, Land Salzburg."
2. USFA Press Digest No. 57, dated 30 September 1947. "****The responsible editor of Neues Oesterreich is being sued by Dr. Philipp SCHOELLER for defamation of character. At the time SCHOELLER was released from prison, Neues Oesterreich had summarized the charges which had been made against him; namely, that he was one of the men who played Austrian industry into the hands of the Germans, that he had received high honors from the Nazis, that he had illegally transferred 25,000,000 Reichsmark into Switzerland, and that he had tried to escape across the border. Comically enough, SCHOELLER is not objecting to the charges of violating the War Crimes Law but to the matter of the 25,000,000 Reichsmark. This trial should show whether it is possible for a Nazi to be transformed from accused to accuser." (***believed to be chiefly of interest as propaganda rather than as intelligence or news.)
3. Card. 1397. No date or reference.
 NAME: von SCHOELLER, Philipp (Aus) N GERMANY (XVII) Vienna
 ADDRESS: Home: 33 Kobengasse, Vienna 19
 Office: 10 Wildpretmarkt, Vienna 1
 DESCRIPTION: B. c. 1890. Very tall, slim, blond, blue eyes, very elegant, intelligent, sociable, speaks English and probably French.
 MISC: Austrian. Catholic. Married. Children. From an old Viennese Bankers' family. Close family connections with Sudeten German industry and German aristocracy. In business relation with Nazi Prince Alfred HOHENLOHE-SCHILLINGSFURST.

CAREER: Member, Board of Directors, Creditanstalt Verein, Alpen Elektrowerke. Head, Schoeller & Co., Bank. Has large financial and industrial holdings. Did a great deal of business with Russia in 1931 and 1932. Owned Schoeller-Glockmann Werke at Ternitz o. Suedbahn, near Ologgnitz, lower Austria, an important steel plant which delivered steel to Russia. Until time of Nazi occupation was a competitor of banking house S. M. von Rothschild. After Nazi occupation was appointed to a number of influential positions and profited greatly by acquisition with Nazi aid and sanction of large industrial interests. Appointed member of Board of Directors of Creditanstalt Bankverein. During Schuschnigg regime belonged to circle of Guido SCHMIDT (q.v.). After 1938 completely went over to Nazi side. Belonged to "Deutscher Club" which met in the Hofburg.

4. Card. 2559. Dated 20 February 1948.

NAME: SCHOEELLER, von Philipp

Ortsgruppe: Grinsing
Kreis : VIII Vienna

STATUS: Illegal; SA; NSKK Oberstaffelfuehrer; Gruppe Demar-Schenker
ADDRESS: Wien XIX, Kobenzlgasse 33

BORN: Cekovice bei Prag, 4 January 1892

MISC: Party No. 6336894 - Industrialist, Married; Wife: Giesela Baronin WEGCKBECKER, born Wien 22 October 1897. Four children.

CAREER: Joined NSDAP 1 January 1936 through SA Sturm Demar-Schenker Angerer (Unterstellt Graf Hans Hardegg) Wien. Dues paid from January 1936 to March 1938. Dues last paid to PG. Schenker Angerer for March 1938 - Member NSKK since June 1938; NSKK Oberstaffelfuehrer Member VP.

5. CIC Weekly Sitrep, dated 1 September 1948.

* ".....Further information has come to light on the so-called 'White Paper' on Allied activities in Austria now being prepared by the press section of the Federal Chancellery under Hofrat KRAMER. Ignoring Chancellor FIGL's open admission that such a document is in preparation, KRAMER maintains stoutly that none of the Federal Ministries has knowledge of it. Further probing however, reveals that KRAMER had developed a large number of unofficial sources and informants, organized into something that looks remarkably like an unofficial intelligence agency for observing and reporting activities of the Allied Powers. The purpose of the document, when assembled, will be ostensibly to have ready file information available on Allied activities and policies that have influenced Austrian post-war activities, but of which the Federal Chancellor's office has no record to use for negotiations. The bulk of KRAMER's informants are reportedly gathered from the ranks of former underground workers and resistance fighters, since certain of them have proven skill at gathering information. One principal source of information would seem to be a combination French Intelligence and Operation Rusty group centered in Innsbruck, the key member of which, one PFAUNDLER (fnn), is a son of KRAMER's colleague PFAUNDLER in the Federal Chancellery. His confidential reports supply the Austrian Foreign Office with much of its information on Communist activity. (C)."

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8. CIC Report No. S-3017, dated 18 August 1945, Subject: Schloss GLANEGG.

This reports lists Baron Friedrich MAYR MELEROF as owner of Schloss GLANEGG, located in Gemeinde Gredig, near Untersberg, Gm Salzburg. His estates consist of coal mines and large forests. Business office at 10 Aigner Str. Salzburg. The Baron has a reputation among the local population as being Anti-Nazi. Never held any position in the party. Was a member of the DAF. He served in the Wehrmacht from 20 July 1941 until 1 May 1944 with the rank of Hauptmann in charge of coal and fuel distribution in Salzburg. Married. Has nine children. Inadvertently burned SD files and papers which were left by Kaltenbrunner when he hurriedly left Schloss Glanegg before the arrival of the Americans.

Forwarded also is a copy of CIC Report No. V-SOI-345.

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